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FAIRFIELD MAN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIVING IMAGES OF CHILD EXPLOITATION

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOHN WOODWORTH, 58, of Fairfield, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to six years in federal prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release. The defendant pleaded guilty to the receipt and possession of images depicting the exploitation of minors on February 20, 2008.

This case is the product of an extensive joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Federal Bureau Investigation.

The investigation was undertaken as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC). PSC is a United States Department of Justice initiative established to increase federal prosecutions of violent sexual predators of children and to reduce the number of Internet crimes against children including child-pornography trafficking. As a part of PSC, the United States Attorney's Office has teamed with state and local agencies and organizations to increase law enforcement presence on the Internet, and to educate the public about safe Internet use, thereby reducing the risk that children might fall prey to online sexual predators. For additional information, please go to www.projectsafechildhood.gov or call the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California and ask to speak with the PSC coordinator.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who prosecuted the case, Judge Karlton, in sentencing the defendant, said that he was very troubled by the images possessed by the defendant.

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